

eQuester

Wisconsin Dressage & Combined Training's Monthly Newsletter

My Reflections at Prix St. George

By Kathy Faccio

Well, I finally made it! I moved up the levels and have arrived and successfully showed in mid-May at the Prix St. George level! I only need one more PSG score for my USDF Silver Medal. Guess what? It only took me 40 years! In all fairness, during my early years, dressage was in its infancy in the U.S., and there were not very many qualified teachers who had ridden past Second level. So, I relied on occasional clinics, and I read lots and lots of books. I assumed if I read enough and was athletic enough, I could “get there” by myself. LOL!

So, after moving to Michigan for my career, I thought, “Eureka! Now I will be in the dressage hotbed of the Midwest!” But, alas, I was in the dressage dessert, again, with no one to help me. So, I rode and rode for many years in my indoor arena with lots of mirrors, but that still wasn't enough for me to get past Second level. Having four well-bred, energetic Trakehners, I needed H-E-L-P!

Luckily at retirement, my husband Bruce readily agreed to move back to the Duluth area, and HURRAH, there was Leah Nelson, Sweet



Kathy Faccio debuts at Prix St. George at the Otter Creek Dressage Show, Wheeler, WI, in mid-May.



Water Dressage at Spring Hill. In just under three years, she coached me from Third level all the way to Prix St. George. Along this journey, with Leah's expert guidance, Aidan and I also placed in the Region 4 Championships at Third level at Maffit Lake, Iowa!

You may ask, what is the most important thing I have learned from my journey? It's simple: it's all about the BASICS! Hmm....I thought I learned that stuff at Training level. Guess what? My understanding of the basics at Training level grows deeper at each successive level. At Third level, I thought, “Aha! Now I understand the basics.” But today, riding at Prix St. George, I have a new understanding and appreciation of The Basics. My understanding of The Basics just keeps growing and growing. I can't wait until I get to Grand Prix, so I can develop a deeper understanding of those elusive basics!

Editor's Note: *Kathy is a familiar face in the Madison area, as not only is she a WDCTA member, she frequently visits her twin sister, Becky Bebber-Wells, who lives in Belleville.*



Caryn Vesperman Editor

All advertisements, articles and photographs (with photo release) should be submitted by the 15th of the preceding month of publication, unless you make prior arrangements for additional time.

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Use Your Horse Sense

I looked up the origins of the phrase, horse sense, and there is much speculation about its origins, including attributing it to plain talking country folk versus high-falting talk. In light of the recent communication from the USEF about the updated Covid guidelines, I'm happy to get back closer to "normal" again. However, I do hope everyone uses their horse sense to stay safe and keep each other safe. As W.C. Fields said, "Horse sense is the thing a horse has which keeps it from betting on people." So let's use our horse sense to keep moving toward an end of this pandemic.

From the May 14 USEF notice:

"Yesterday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced that anyone who is fully vaccinated against COVID-19 can participate in indoor and outdoor activities, large or small, without wearing a face covering/mask or physically distancing. An individual is considered to be fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series (Pfizer, Moderna, etc.), or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson)....

"Based on this very encouraging news and the rapidly changing guidance from national health authorities, effective immediately, USEF is amending the COVID-19 Action Plan to align with the CDC announcement. At a minimum, competition organizers and all persons at USEF-licensed competitions are required to follow state and local regulations for face coverings/masks and social distancing. In the absence of state and local regulations, USEF recommends compliance with the CDC guidelines. Competition organizers are able to impose stricter requirements at their discretion.

Personal responsibility is essential, as competition organizers are not required to verify vaccination status. Let's all continue to act responsibly and keep our sport open, and our nation moving forward in a positive manner.

A few reminders as we move forward:

- Be patient with and respectful of competition organizers, competition staff, and licensed officials as competitions transition to this new protocol. Adjustments may not be immediate and competition organizers are able to impose stricter requirements at their discretion.
- Competition organizers must post and communicate to competition staff, competitors, officials and spectators the COVID requirements under which their competition will operate.
- Anyone who is not fully vaccinated must exercise personal responsibility and wear a face covering/mask wearing and continue to practice social distancing and frequent hand washing.

"....A fully updated version of the USEF COVID-19 Action Plan (was) posted to the USEF website Tuesday, May 18."

Stay safe both in and out of the saddle!

Caryn



2021 Clinic Series

~~Saturday, May 15~~

Saturday, June 19

Saturday, July 17

Saturday, August 21



Nicki Butler is a freelance equine professional from Madison, Wisconsin. She is a certified Wisconsin Open Show judge and a nationally certified riding instructor.

As an Equine Sports Massage Therapist she is also trained in Functional Movement Therapy, Myofascial Release, Reiki and Cranio-Sacral techniques. Her goal is to help create connection and improve communication between horses and their people. Nicki has competed to second level dressage and Preliminary level Eventing.

This clinic series is a fun way to gather with new and old eventing and dressage friends and watch each other's progress through the summer. Each clinic will include both dressage and jumping lessons, both in a small group environment. Stadium and Cross Country style jumping are available during clinics. Both beginner and intermediate level groups will be at all clinic dates. All ages of riders are welcome! All clinics are held at For The Horses Farm in Wautoma WI (see address below). The clinics begin with Dressage at 9 AM and run as long as necessary for the registered riders, the time schedule of each individual clinic will be announced the week prior via email so be sure to get your registrations in. Late registrations are welcome, please contact Cari for availability or with questions: central@wdcta.org

Rider Name _____ Under 18? Guardian Signature _____

Horse Name _____ Breed _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Riding Experience (horse and rider each please) _____

Both Dressage and Jump Lesson Clinic \$100 each date - or register for all four dates for \$350!

Dressage or Jump Only Lesson \$50 each date - or register for all four dates for \$175!

Clinic fee payable to **WDCTA Central Chapter** 5/15 6/19 7/17 8/21 All Four

Please Check Date and Clinic Options _____ Jumping Dressage Beginner Intermediate

Stall Fee (Payable to Cari Schmidt) \$20 per clinic. No Trailer Tie Allowed.

Waivers will be signed upon arrival or can be printed and mailed with registration, payment and Coggins to

Cari Schmidt
WDCTA Central Chapter
W9711 Beechnut Drive
Wautoma WI 54982

Dressage Horse Boarding Eagle, WI



Tailwind Farm, a premier dressage facility in Eagle, WI has one opening beginning March 1, 2021.

Heated barn and tack room. 12x12 matted stalls with automatic waterers. Grain AM and PM, hay fed 4 times daily. Daily turnout in spacious dry lots and attached pastures are used weather permitting.

Warm 60'x150' indoor arena with well maintained footing. 2 outdoor arenas, one sand and one grass standard dressage arena.

This 30 acre farm has trails surrounding the property and hay field, also with in a short distance of the Kettle Moraine trail system.

Training and lessons provided by Andrea Schten. Andrea is a USDF Gold, Silver and Bronze medalist on self-trained horses. Multiple students have also obtained their USDF medals under her tutelage.

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Calendar of Events

WDCTA Events

June 19
**WDCTA Central Chapter Eventing
Clinic Series**
Clinician: Nicki Butler
Location: For The Horses Farm,
Wautoma, WI
Both dressage and stadium and cross
country jumping lessons.

July 17
**WDCTA Central Chapter Eventing
Clinic Series**
Clinician: Nicki Butler
Location: For The Horses Farm,
Wautoma, WI
Both dressage and stadium and cross
country jumping lessons

Aug. 21
**WDCTA Central Chapter Eventing
Clinic Series**
Clinician: Nicki Butler
Location: For The Horses Farm,
Wautoma, WI

Other Events

June 12-13
Wisconsin Charity Classic
Location: Jefferson County Fairgrounds
Judge: Jenna Strauss, L graduate
Contact: Jeff Heise (920) 941-0802
jeffrheise@gmail.com
Show bill & entry form at:
wisconsinmorganhorseclub.org

Stable, Instructor, Breeder and Business Listing Form

For only \$10 per category or \$35 for all four, you can have your stable, instructor, breeder or business listing appear in the eQuester newsletter and on the WDCTA website. This advertising is for WDCTA members only. Must be a WDCTA member to be listed.

(Please limit your information to 35 words per category.)

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY: STABLE INSTRUCTOR BREEDER BUSINESS

MEMBER NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STABLE/BUSINESS NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

STABLE FACILITY FEATURES: (OUTDOOR/INDOOR ARENA, TURNOUT, LOUNGE, WASH STALL, TRAILS, LESSONS AVAILABLE)

BREEDER INFORMATION: (STANDING STALLIONS, BLOODLINES, BREEDS, ETC.)

BUSINESS INFORMATION: (TYPE OF BUSINESS, DAYS OPEN, HOURS, LOCATION, ETC.)

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION: (COMPLETE BELOW)

EQUESTRIAN EDUCATION BACKGROUND: (DO NOT INCLUDE NAMES UNLESS PROVIDING WRITTEN PROOF OF PERMISSION)

YEARS OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE: _____

LEVELS WILL TEACH: _____

LEVEL OF RIDING EXPERIENCE: _____

SCHOOL HORSES AVAILABLE: YES _____ NO _____

WILL TRAVEL: YES _____ NO _____

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AWARDS EARNED: _____

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One name per instructor listing.*



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Instructor/Trainer Profile
For WDCTA Members Only

These questions are only to get the ideas for your profile started. Use as many of them as you want, and add others as needed. Email or mail this sheet and additional pages. The editor will follow up with any additional questions or clarifications.

Please submit some photos of yourself, facility, horses, etc. to:

Caryn Vesperman, newsletter editor
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Name: _____
Address: _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____
Phone(s): _____
Website: _____ **Email** _____

Teach dressage, jumping, both: _____ **Riding Since Age:** _____

Background History:

Current and Past Instructors/Mentors:

Horses -- Past and Current:

Your Showing/Riding Accomplishments:

Students' Accomplishments:

If you own your facility, describe:

Dream or What Inspires/Motivates You:

Interesting or Amusing Personal Story:

Riding/Training Philosophy or "Motto":

Anything Else?

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See forms toward end of this newsletter or go online at wdcta.org.



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